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Rule 1.3(c).

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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TOM OGNIBENE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

C.A. No. 08 CV 01335 (LTS) (TDK)

SCHWARZ, et al.,

Defendants.

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DECLARATION OF MARTIN DILAN

I, Martin Dilan, make the following declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am a State Senator from Brooklyn. I am the Ranking Member of the Elections Committee. I am over eighteen years of age and my statements herein are based on personal knowledge.

2. In 1991, I ran for New York city council member, winning election. I served until December 31, 2001.

3. I am considering a run for City Council Member for 2009 as a participating candidate. I am concerned, however, that sections 3-702(3), 3-703(1)(l), and 3-703(1-a) will infringe upon my First and Fourteenth Amendment rights.

4. I would like to solicit and accept contributions in excess of \$250 from those having business dealings with the city, up to the contribution limit imposed by section 3-703(1)(f) of the Code. I cannot, however, because of section 3-703(1-a) of the Code. I would also like to solicit and accept contributions from limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and partnerships, but cannot because of section 3-703(1)(l) of the Code. As a participating candidate, I would like to receive matching funds for all these contributions, but cannot under section 3-702(3) of the Code.

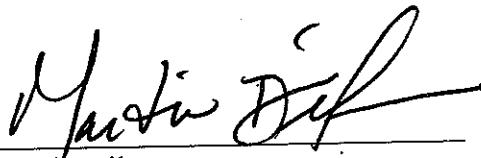
5. I expect that I will receive a substantial portion of my financial support from those having business dealings with the city. I also expect that I would receive substantial support from limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and partnerships, if they were allowed to contribute.

6. Sections 3-703(1-a) and 3-703(1)(l) deprive me of my constitutional rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. I will suffer irreparable harm if their enforcement is not enjoined. I have no adequate remedy at law.

7. Because candidates are currently raising funds for the 2009 election, it is imperative that the Court grant relief immediately. Every day that passes without judicial relief is another day that my First and Fourteenth Amendment rights are impermissibly burdened.

8. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements in this declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed on April 17, 2008.



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